Uniform system for driving licences

2019. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government or the NHAI have received any proposal for a uniform system of giving driving licences from the Road Safety Forum in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the proposals under consideration for arranging modern and efficient driving licence examinations and efficient system of giving licences, nation-wise;

(c) whether poor and varied systems of giving licences for drivers in the country has created a pool of unsafe and dangerous drivers along highway;

(d) the steps proposed to consider the system of having a national system of giving driving licences; and

(e) the reasons for not taking up this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) Chapter-II of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and Chaper-II of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 prescribe a body of rules for testing and examination prior to grant of driving licences. These rules also prescribe the procedure for granting the licences and the validity in terms of various classes of vehicles and the time period. Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 also provides for issuance of smart-card based driving licences, based on a standardised software, developed and made available by Central Government to the States. The States have been empowered to prescribe the date from which such smart-card based driving licences shall be issued in the States.

(c) Compliance with the provisions of Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 and the procedure laid down therein rules out licensing of unsafe and dangerous drivers.

(d) and (e) Section 28 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 empowers the State Governments for appointment of the licensing authorities and determining their jurisdiction, functions etc. There is no proposal to have a national system of giving driving licences as the same is the responsibility

of the State Governments in terms of Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and Central Government has no machinery to implement the provisions of Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 by itself.

Road fund for Arunachal Pradesh

2020. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds granted for the development maintenance and repairing of various National Highways in NER particularly in the State of Arunachal Pradesh National Highways-wise; and

(b) the details of the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Allocation of fund is made state-wise and not National Highway-wise. During the financial yer 2005-06, a sum of Rs. 412.20 crore and Rs. 120.45 crore have, respectively been allotted for the development and maintenance/reparing of National Highways in the North-Eastern (NE) Region. Out of the above, Rs. 32.75 crore and Rs. 11.84 crore are allotted exclusively for the development and maintenance/repairing of National Highways in Arunachal Pradesh.

(b) The Annual Plans for taking up improvement works during 2005-06 in the North-Eastern States have been finalized. The outlay for NH (O) for the NE Region for the year 2005-06 is Rs. 141.50 crore apart from the allocation made to BRDB, which is Rs. 260.00 crore.

Pedestrian over-bridges along highways

2021. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NHAI has built a number of pedestrian over-bridges along the major highways in the country;

(b) the number of pedestrian over-bridges between Kolkata and Chennai;

(c) the number of pedestrian over-bridges planned in the year 2005-06 on this sector;